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Subject: FILE 67-0030

FOIPA No. 1055611- 002

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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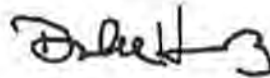
- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
 - ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
 - ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

As a result of your administrative appeal to the Office of Information and Privacy (OIP), Department of Justice (DOJ), material was located responsive to your request for information concerning File 67-0030. That material has been processed, and the releasable information is enclosed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: Assistant Director C. D. DE LOACH

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (67-30)


SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND (D)
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ReJNairtel 11/17/66.

On 11/29/66, [] furnished the following additional information to SA [] concerning contacts between Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND and ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA):

SHELTON met with [] following a Klan rally at Union, Miss., at which time he advised that he had been a guest of Senator EASTLAND at the Senator's farm prior to coming to the rally. SHELTON stated that EASTLAND had given him some very useful ideas in connection with the operation of the Klan organization.

In addition to the above private conversation, SHELTON, in defending his position in supporting EASTLAND for re-election to other members of the Klan, stated that EASTLAND had made a definite promise of assistance to the defendants in both the [] cases and that on the basis of this SHELTON felt he was justified in supporting EASTLAND.

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Referenced airtel summarized alleged contacts between U. S. Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND (D), Miss., and ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Inc. The following supplements referenced material concerning alleged contacts between Senator EASTLAND and SHELTON on the night of 10/31/66:

SA [redacted] furnished the following information to [redacted] on 11/16/66:

He stated that according to ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Inc., SHELTON and [redacted] met with U. S. Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND in Jackson, Miss., on the night of 10/31/66 at an unknown motel at which time SHELTON requested that EASTLAND help SHELTON with his conviction for contempt of Congress in return for SHELTON throwing the support of the UKA behind Senator EASTLAND in his race to be re-elected Senator. According to SHELTON, Senator EASTLAND was noncommittal on supporting SHELTON during their face-to-face meeting, however, later that night telephonically contacted SHELTON and promised his assistance to SHELTON in his case for contempt of Congress in return for SHELTON's support in his race to be re-elected Senator.

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SHELTON [redacted]

[redacted] contact Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY in regard to a statement by RAINEY concerning Senator EASTLAND. [redacted]

[redacted] and that RAINEY executed a letter directed "To Whom It May Concern" wherein he stated, "I know for a fact that JAMES O. EASTLAND helped prevent the trial of 16 other men and myself in Philadelphia, Miss.," and signed it LAWRENCE RAINEY.

[redacted] stated that on the night of 11/15/66 he received a telephone call from SHELTON at which time SHELTON indicated that he, SHELTON, would travel to Miss. on either Thursday, 11/17/66, or Friday, 11/18/66, where he would be a guest of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND at the Senator's farm until sometime on Saturday, 11/19/66, when SHELTON would leave to attend a UKA rally at Union, Miss.

In addition to the foregoing, on 11/16/66 [redacted]

[redacted] advised SAC, Jackson, that through his "Klan sources" he had heard that Senator EASTLAND had met with the heads of the two Klan units in Mississippi (SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc.) and that some sort of "deal" was made. SAC was noncommittal to [redacted] because of the subject matter being discussed, however, it is not impossible that [redacted] may take it upon himself to write something for the "Times Picayune" concerning this information he is developing through his Klan sources.

The foregoing is for the Bureau's information.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (67-30)

DATE: 11/16/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND (D)
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[REDACTED] furnished the following information to
SA [REDACTED]

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SHELTON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and contact Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY in regard to a statement by RAINEY concerning Senator EASTLAND. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and that RAINEY executed a letter directed "To Whom It May Concern" wherein he stated "I know for a fact that JAMES O. EASTLAND helped prevent the trial of 16 other men and myself in Philadelphia, Miss." and signed it LAWRENCE RAINEY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: Assistant to the Director C. D. DE LOACH

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (67-30)

SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND (D)
MISSISSIPPI
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re tel call Assistant to the Director C. D.
DE LOACH 11/3/66.

There is set forth hereinafter a resume of information supplied by Klan informants, Jackson Division, of alleged meetings between Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND (D), Mississippi, who is running for re-election 11/8/66, and representatives of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) and the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM):

On 10/31/66 [redacted]
a state UKA meeting at Thomastown, Miss. (Leake Co.) on Sunday, 10/30/66. An unidentified white male was present outside the meeting which took place in an old gymnasium. This unidentified individual was not described and no automobile was observed for him. According to [redacted] he is a former Colonel on Governor PAUL B. JOHNSON's staff who now lives at an unidentified location in Alabama. He was reported to be at this UKA meeting on 10/30/66 to set up a meeting between ROBERT M. SHELTON and Senator EASTLAND.

[redacted]
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was present at Thomastown, Miss. No other information concerning this matter was obtained on 10/30/66.

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On 10/31/66 at approximately 3:00 p.m., [] received a long distance telephone call from ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, who was believed to be in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and during general political conversation SHELTON volunteered information that Senator EASTLAND was meeting him that night and Senator EASTLAND was flying "up" from South Mississippi or possibly the Gulf Coast.

On 11/2/66 [] advised SA [] that on 11/1/66 at a regular weekly meeting of the Lowndes County Klavern of the UKA, Inc., held in the New Hope Community, Lowndes County, Miss., on 11/1/66, that the [] advised the assembled group that he was not going to tell them how to vote in the forthcoming general election on 11/8/66 but did want to point out to the group that the Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON met with Senator EASTLAND in Jackson, Miss., on Saturday, and it was agreed that after the election SHELTON is going to EASTLAND's farm and EASTLAND will see what he can do about getting him out of his difficulties. (Apparently referring to SHELTON's recent indictment for contempt of the HCUA.)

SA [] advised 11/3/66 that [] had reported that at the fellowship meeting at L. E. MATTHEWS' camp, Pearl River, 30 miles south of Jackson, Sunday, 10/30/66, that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, made statements from the rostrum that he was against the two-party system, against PRENTISS WALKER and for JAMES EASTLAND. There was a great amount of disagreement. BOWERS was heckled and forced to sit down and certain Klansmen walked out. BOWERS allegedly told Klansmen that he had made a deal with JAMES O. EASTLAND, (D), Miss., that if BOWERS and the Klansmen would support EASTLAND, EASTLAND in turn would have the indictments dismissed against the 17 Neshoba County defendants []

[] reported 11/2/66 that [] talked with [] and said SAM BOWERS had told him, [] JIM EASTLAND's henchman had come to see him and wanted to make a deal. The henchman said charges would be dismissed on the 17 men indicted at Philadelphia, Miss., if he would get his men to vote for

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JIM EASTLAND. BOWERS reportedly told him to get them off the hook first and he would tell "them" how to vote. SAM told [] that that was the reason he had made the talk for EASTLAND on Sunday.

[] reported to SA [] on 10/20/66 that Klan circles in the Meridian, Miss., area are aware of the fact that Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND has been taking credit for the Federal Government dropping charges against those indicted in the Neshoba County slayings. EASTLAND, according to the source, had made his efforts in behalf of those indicted to [] a Neshoba County Attorney and one of the attorneys for the defendants in the Neshoba County case. [] prominent Klan member, Meridian, Miss., advised [] that all of the defendants are working earnestly in behalf of Senator EASTLAND's campaign and sincerely feel that if he is re-elected, he will keep the defendants out of jail.

[] also advised that [] a prominent local Klansman, has related to him that he has "worn out" with the Republican Party in Lauderdale County, Miss. [] related that Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND recently appeared at a rally held in Forest, Miss., and that EASTLAND had invited SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, [] Neshoba County Attorney, and himself to occupy the speaker's stand at the rally held in Forest, Miss. During the rally [] related that EASTLAND stated that he would help the 17 defendants in the Neshoba County case and that he has been "pulling strings for them" and that EASTLAND has "enough seniority to help them." However, EASTLAND stated that anything he would do for the 17 men would be done quietly and would be known to the 17 men and their attorneys. [] observed that Senator EASTLAND is "running scared" in his campaign for re-election and because of this is playing up to all groups, including the Klan, within the State.

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[] further related that he is going to continue to work earnestly to help Governor GEORGE WALLACE in his quest for the Presidential nomination and that he would work for the return of ROSS BARNETT to the Governorship of the State of Mississippi. Additionally, he stated that he was going to work fervently for both EASTLAND and []

[] that he is very much opposed to PRENTISS WALKER because WALKER, during his term as a U. S. Congressman, had appointed a Negro from Bay Springs, Miss., to the U. S. Air Force Academy. Also, [] stated that WALKER had written a letter to the Negro boy congratulating him on his aptitude scores for entrance into the Academy and that because of this, [] considers WALKER an integrationist and not for "his cause."

[] advised SA [] on 10/17/66 that [] member of the WKKKKOM and a defendant in the [] case, related that he and [] defendant, recently went to Pascagoula, Miss., to see a supervisor in Harrison County regarding placing some names in the jury wheel from that county. [] stated that the supervisor whom they contacted, name unknown, is reported to be in the nightclub business, having recently built a nightclub in the Pascagoula, Mississippi, area. This supervisor, according to [] is reported to control [] and [] stated that the defendants in the [] investigation are hopeful that this case might be transferred from [] court. [] stated that Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi is reported to control [] and [] since he is responsible for their appointment. [] related that EASTLAND is reported to be taking credit for the dismissals of the indictments in the [] case. [] related that EASTLAND is reported to have written out the opinion in the [] case which was later filed by [] stated that this opinion was in the hands of [] when he heard testimony regarding the motion involving the RABINOWITZ motion.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 11/3/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ALLEGED MEETING BETWEEN
SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND AND
ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL
WIZARD, UKA, INC., ON 10/31/66

On 10/31/66 [REDACTED]
a state UKA meeting at Thomastown, Miss., (Leake Co.) on
Sunday, 10/30/66. An unidentified white male was present
outside the meeting which took place in an old gymnasium.
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at an unidentified location in Alabama. He was reported
to be at this UKA meeting on 10/30/66 to set up a meeting
between ROBERT M. SHELTON and Senator EASTLAND. [REDACTED]

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concerning this matter was obtained on 10/30/66.

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who was believed to be in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and during
general political conversation SHELTON volunteered information
that Senator EASTLAND was meeting him that night and Senator
EASTLAND was flying "up" from South Mississippi or possibly
the Gulf Coast.

[REDACTED] has no other information regarding the
alleged meeting but has been instructed to discreetly
attempt to verify facts surrounding the alleged meeting.



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